Recitals and Reminiscences

Stories Eminently Worth Telling of Experiences and Adventures in the Great National Struggle.

REMINISCENCE OF SHERMAN'S width. The fact was announced from headquarters that only a limited supply of rations would be taken with the ex-Incidents of the Campaign in Tennessee dered sent to the rear. This gave us was a brand-new officer's light blue vest and at Atlanta—The March to the second day's march to Bowl-



GETTING READY TO LEAVE ATLANTA.

Atlanta campaign began shows that tested battles. But the dash and daring of us Yanks knew no repulse in any engagements. The rebels were simply routed, and driven on and on, till they sought shelter in their final stand behind their fortifications at Atlanta. Here was displayed the shrewdest and best of their military skill in engineering. It took superior tact and manuvering to outgeneral them. The South had verily intrenched herself within the walls, but was also severe on them when they committed outrages on his troops. I reproduce from a letter written to my wife at the time, which she has preserved as indeed she preserved all that I wrote during the war: "On Dec. 23, 1863, near Mulberry, Tenn., some guerthouted a silver plate over the hole, and saved the man's life. As we made our appearance at the front, in full view of the rebel breast-into the woods, deliberately murparapet. Not until after six weeks of siege, in the hot months of July and August, did Sherman find It "convenient" to take even a peep inside those of the mand left another for dead. One escaped by swimming and opened on us. None of us was killed, but several were wounded. That same night, about 8 o'clock, the briance of the price.

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and they paid their pro rata assessment thru the camp. The "coon" suddenly tage. Every precaution was used to and they paid their pro rata assessment thru the camp. The "coon" suddenly insure quiet. Artillery wheels were in good hard gold. Notwithstanding turned an ashy color, and made for a

least expected it. The effect was magical. There was such a racket made by the bursting of rebel magazines and shell foundry thrifty, productive country most of the about 3 o'clock the second morning as way, with no obstacles to thwart him to awaken everybody. So completely till the city of Savannah was reached, surprised were the rebels at this strategic movement that in less than 48 hours the Confederacy in and about Atlanta was completely demoralized, and fied pelf-mell southward, while dikes and overflowed the land with the

tastrophy in and hasty retreat from Atlanta (and what brought it about) was the precipitous attack upon Jones-boro, about 20 miles to the rear, by Sherman's forces, that had stealthly and quickly swung around so far that the enemy thought he had abandoned the siege. In fact, placarded in bold lettering upon walls about the city, we found these words: "Yanks retreated But they awoke to find Sher- N. J., Nortonville, Kan. men and his stalwart warriors still on duty in the severe battle at Jonesboro nat brought their complete rout.

During the long siege of Atlanta

see, then under command of Gen. hugely built as small haystacks about the plantations. These, with sides of bacon, melted away under the force of a soldier's appetite like dew before the booming of cannon.

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The Colonel came riding along, saythe Twentieth Corps, and all the forces a soldier's appetite like dew before the morning sun. The more delicate luxuof Sherman.

With such a force of veterans, tried and tested, from commander down, there was no stemming the steady forward movement. A strong force of the enemy was constantly manuvering in our front, only a few miles in advance. Every few days they would halt, throw up breastworks and make a show of resistance, as at Resaca, May 15; Dallas, May 25; at Kenesaw Mountain—a series of encounters—and at Atlanta July 22, where our brave Gen. McPherson fell. These were all sharply constants and reported that a standard and a standard and the main army. An instance that occurred before the standard arms and formed the Third Brigade of that division.

The Colonel came riding along, say-ling: "Boys, close up; they are having a ball over there." He seemed eager that we should hurry and participate in it. When we reached the Pamunkey River we had to lay a pontoon bridge for a crossing. Our Colonel and staff had preceded us, and reported his arrival to Gen. Warren's headquarters at the Woody House, near Beulah Church. We were assigned to Gen. Brook's Sectond Division of the Eighteenth Corps, and formed the Third Brigade of that division. An instance that occurred before the division.

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fortifications.

In the early part of September Sherman conceived the idea of falling upon
the rebel commander, Hood, from another point. Orders came to the Twentieth Corps, after dark one evening, to
fall back to a nosition for better advang around to the rear of actions of struck a blow where the enemy expected it.

Sherman's destination. Only slight opposition was met on the entire march position was met on the entire march.

about the middle of December, 1864. The city was in command of Hardee. Rice swamps intervened between and the city. The enemy had cut the Sherman's army entered triumphantly, purpose of interfering with our ap-with bands playing and colors flying. proach to the city. The country abound-It was a grand sight, never to be for- ed with an immense growth of tall canegotten. But this was not all of their brakes. Sherman's ingenuity suggest-surprise. Simultaneously with this cadles and making a road over them thru the swamps, and siege guns were soon in position for service and the fate of the city was sealed. The demand for its surrender was obeyed at once, and Gen. Geary, of the Second Division, Twentieth Corps, was the first to enter with his command. Thus Savannah was spared the destruction that befell Atlanta -J. H. Litsworth, 13th

MARCHING TO COLD HARBOR.

tired, dusty, hungry, and quite a num ber were without shelter tents, blankets knapsacks, having fired them away on the first and second days' march. We on the list and second days march. We suffered for want of them afterwards, for it was many a day before we had the privilege of drawing on the com-missary again. The first day was very hot and sultry, and the road to Bowling Green was nothing but a bed of dust, fine as snuff, which arose, filling our eyes, nose and ears, and the heat, which aused us to perspire freely, mixed with and nearly choked us. When the larkness came and we went into bivwe dropped down like dead men,

and lay there until morning. When we began to throw away our knapsacks and blankets, etc., the "cracker-jacks" that lived along the line of march got out their wheelbar-rows, pushcarts, etc., and followed after us, picking up everything we had thrown away. They reaped quite a harvest. In my knapsack I threw away

Editor National Tribune: In the latter part of April, 1364, Gen. Sherman, with an army 90,000 strong, broke camp and moved southward. Their Winter Quarters had stretched out from Nashyille, Tenn., along the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad. A year before the writer was near the Chancellorsville battleground in Virginia.

Later developments in the Confederate at armies, following their disasters in the battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg, brought about, in November, 1863, the transfer of the Eleventh and Twelfth Corps of the Union army from the wagons we found it so. With but a few days' supply of rations from the wagons we found it so. With but a few days' supply of rations from the wagons we found it so. With but a few days' supply of rations from the wagons we found it so. With but a few days' supply of rations from the wagons we found at few found Atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around Atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around Atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around Atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around Atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around Atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around Atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around Atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around Atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around Atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around Atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around atlanta. Once because the ransacked by the troops of Slocum while around the ransacked b rain and lay down; but I had no sooner closed my eyes when a guard came along and punched me out with his bayonet. I wandered over to a tent that had a light in it, and by good luck it proved to be our Chaplain's ("Popy" Hunt) tent. The rain was coming lown pretty lively. He said: "Sonny (I was only a young fellow), crawl

> The third night out we went into The third night out we went into bivouac on the Mattapony River, tired and footsore. We lay down on the bank, and many dangled their feet in the water and slept. When we awoke the water had taken the soreness out of our feet, and we were ready for another our feet, and we were ready for another day's march.
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> missioned officers, and saved the bridges. From there toward Macon we had a running fight for about 18 miles, the 4th Mich. in advance.
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> On the 20th we were met about 4 p. m. two miles out of Macon by Gen. Howell Cobb, who commanded at Maday's march.

As we composed a whole brigade, the guerrillas made no attempt to attack us until we neared Cold Harbor and were about to throw pontoons over the Pamunkey River near New Castle Fer-We threw out flankers, and soon disposed of them.

The next morning, June 4 (the last

day's march that brought us to the Army of the Potomac at old Cold Harbor), we woke up in a dense fog, crossed a bridge over the Mattapony, and from this time on we marched between the Mattapony and Pamunkey Rivers. We saw the smoke of the burning Milford Bridge. Ward, the historian of our regiment, says it was set on fire by the rebels, and that we were ordered to put it out. This is an error. There was no such order given, and we proceeded on he way. When will be such order given, and we proceeded on he way. When will be such as the way way. When will be such as the way way. When will be such as the way way.

Gen. Johnston was mystifled as to we were under fire more or less, night and day .- J. Henry Pippitt, Co. H. 2d Pa., Brooklyn, N. Y.

WILSON'S FAMOUS RAID.

One of the Most, if Not the Most, Successful Raids Made During the War.

Editor National Tribune: In your and old paper of June 2 was an articessful raids of the civil war.
The 4th Mich. Cav. of the Second Di-

29th, where my regiment lost one man just placed at his grave, and am pre-and 30 horses in crossing. On the 31st we crossed the Catawba River on the roalroad bridge over 80 feet high by years.

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The attack at all the points was made o quickly, and it being at night, that verything was taken in a short time. The bridge was saved, and Columbus was ours. The Second Division marched battalion, charged the bridges and took every man prisoner, including 11 com-

wilson. We halted, and soon Gen. Wilson. We halted, and soon Gen. Wilson came to the front and asked Gen. Cobb what he wanted. Gen. Cobb said that he had received a telegram from Gen. Joseph Johnston that there was an armistice between himself and Gen. Sherman, and that there should be no action between the Union and the Con-federate troops. Gen. Wilson asked Gen. Cobb if there was any word to him personally from Gen. Sherman. Cobb said there was none. Then Wilson asked if there was anything to eat in Macon. Cobb replied that there was.

Gen. Wilson said that he would have to move on Macon at once. Gen. Cobb objected, but Gen. Wilson told him that Wilson took out his watch, and told Tribune: him that he would give him five min-"Capt. J. utes to get back before he moved his command. Gen. Cobb turned at once, and we were soon on the move. We lant fight you gave me, and the pleas-

of war supplies, amounting to millions of dollars in value. All this was done in less than 15 days' time. This raid was also the cause of the taking prisoner of Jefferson Davis, which closed the trouble between the North and the South Word P. Stadman Co. R. 4th South Word P. Stadman Co. R. 4th Editor National Tribune: At the time South.—Wm. P. Stedman, Co. B, 4th Mich. Cav., Washington, D. C.

Marking Lonely Graves. Editor National Tribune: I have just

here during and just after the civil war. The Government removed all the bodies of the soldiers just after the war to Brownsville, Tex., with the exception of six or eight, and it is these graves that have been occupying my attention. le by Comrade Edward Smith Atkins, One incident happened that I deem Co. K, 123d Ill. M. L, about Gen. James
H. Wilson's famous raid. I was much
pleased with the article, since I was one
of the 15,000 men he writes about. I
consider that raid one of the most successful raids of the civil was. oak plank, which stood as a marker for 45 years and is still in a good state of vision arrived at Gravelly Springs, Ala., Jan. 25, 1865, after a hard, cold march of about 400 miles from Louisville, Ky. bert, of Galesburg, Ill., who commandvision arrived at Gravelly Springs, Ala., Jan. 25, 1865, after a hard, cold march of about 400 miles from Louisville, Ky. bert, of Galesburg, Ill., who command-bert, of Galesburg, Ill., who command-bert better, at the time, and placed this plank at the head of the grave at moved to Waterloo and crossed the this plank at the head of the grave at Tennessee River to Eastport, Miss. On the time, and came down here last Fall the 22d we started on the the 22d we started on the great raid, and identified it. I ordered from the crossed the Black Warrior River on the Government the tombstene that I have and identified it. I ordered from the

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A Raid On Richmond.

This letter was sent to us for publicaion by Comrade Van Vechten, and was letter to his brother, written at the time dated:

"Camp of 1st N. Y. M't'd Riffes, Wil-liamsburg, Va., Feb. 18, 1864. "Brother John: Our regiment is be-ing veteranized and the old men have one to their homes on 30-day fur-ough; that is, the men who composed he 1st battalion and who served under Gen. Wise at Norfolk, Va. The ground is frozen and ice is half an inch thick on the pond where we water our horses We are doing light picket duty with the 11th Pa. Cav. Suppose you may have seen an account of our late raid owards Richmond.

"When we started we expected to get thru to Richmond, and the rebe papers (we get one occasionally) give their account of another victory us Yanks. They no doubt got their in-formation as to our number from a deserter named Boyle, who escaped from Fort Magruder, where he was waiting the execution of sentence to be shot for killing Lieut. W. W. Disoway, Provost-Marshal at Williamsburg. Anyhow, the rebels were prepared to receive us with 'open arms,' and had the planks of Bottom's Bridge all taken up and the fort above it filled in with brush and trees. We had been expecting to start on a raid of some kind for as different regiments were coming here and camping near

including 12 pieces of artillery, three white regiments, two colored regiments, two regiments of cavalry and one battalion of the 3d N. Y. Cav. When we got in sight of Bottom's Bridge at the When we Chickahominy we could see the rebel cavalry and artillery and the smoke of their campfires. The city of Richmond thru the city on the 17th, and pushed on toward the double bridges across the Flint River, which was guarded by a battalion of infantry and three pieces of artillery. About 6 a. m. on the 18th Capt. Hudson, of the 4th Mich., with a with one of their batteries, and the first shot killed one of our men and wounded two others, besides killing and wounding several horses. It was no place for cavalry without artillery support. For some unknown reason the artillery had not kept up with us and was several miles in our rear. My regiment has two mountain howitzers attached to it, but they were not taken with us this trip on account of the artillery accompanying us. We retreated wounding several miles in our rear. My regiment has two mountain howitzers attached to it, but they were not taken with us this trip on account of the artillery accompanying us. We retreated wounding several miles in our rear. My regiment has two mountain howitzers attached to it, but they were not taken with us this trip on account of the artillery accompanying us. We retreated wounding several miles in our rear. My regiment has two mountain howitzers attached to it, but they were not taken with us this trip on account of the artillery accompanying us. We retreated wounding several horses. It was no be attached in a run for the pike. Capting of a company of Rangers. He heard a man say: "Close up! Quick!" I looked back and saw about 20 men at the house. The woman same to the ing about this Agrap to the command for fear of punishment for being out of ranks. We never heard how many Johnnies were killed.—J. Martin Schotzuns, and the dust raised in the and upon their coming in shooting distance opened fire on them, killing three, one an officer. We felt deeply chagrined at the failure of our expedition. Richmond papers are rejoicing over our failure.—H. C. Van Vechten."

crook in it, and, seeing they could get there before we could, some of them started for it. We saw we would be cut off, so started for dear life, and just as we got to the pike up came a squad of our cavalry.

Mexico, sends the following interesting letter written to him by ex-Senator Jas. Gordon, of Mississippi, which he de-sires to have published in The National

"Capt. J. H. Shafter.

rode fast into Macon thru the heavy ant companionship you and I had toworks, which were filled with rebels, gether over those hills and streams of who cheered us as we rode into the Tennessee en route to Tuliahoma. We city. There was not a gun fired, and are brothers now, since I have had the within half an hour the streets were honor of firing the last gun of the war, full of Yanks and rebels enjoying them- which was a salute to the old flag, on selves like old friends. There was no my retiring from the U. S. Senate trouble whatever. trouble whatever.

We had received no clothing for six sand letters from all over the United months, and were as dirty and ragged a set as was ever seen for soldiers Confederate money was good for three days, and our men had plenty of it. We days, and our men had plenty of it. We Confederate money was good for three days, and our men had plenty of it. We had a good time as long as graybacks were good, but a \$1 greenback was as good as 50 of the Confederate money. We captured plenty of Confederate clothing, and nearly half of our men wore more or less of the gray. About 5,000 negros followed us into Macon. They fell in the rear on our raid, and eaused us a good deal of trouble to keep them in their camps, for they would scatter thru the nearby country. We had to keep patrols out for 20 miles scatter thru the nearby country. We had to keep patrols out for 20 miles around to keep them out of mischief.

I think this raid was one of the most o of any during the civil war. It was a finent, was a Mississippian, the he may have resided in Tennessee before the war. The regiment known to you as captured than we had men in our command; over 1,000 pieces of artillers were captured, as well as foundries, was a Mississippian, the he may have resided in Tennessee before the war. The regiment known to you as the 4th Miss. afterwards received its proper place on the roster, and is now proper place on the roster, and is now waid be cared for. Owner would sell part of her farm. Good here for stock or fruit of her farm. Good here for stock or fruit of her farm. Good here for stock or fruit of her farm. Good here for stock or fruit of her farm. Box 11, P. G. Kansas City. Mo.

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Editor National Tribune: At the time Van Dorn made an attack on the town of Franklin, Tenn., in your story of that affair, you state that the Union forces killed and wounded 300 of Van Dorn's men. That must have been a typographical error. There were only three finished setting up headstones to the graves of the Union soldiers that died trying to set fire to the bridge; another killed by one of the provest guards as they came thru the lawn on the way to the bridge; the third killed out east of the college, in the suburbs of the town, on the Franklin and Murfreesboro pike.
I was in that battle, and I saw these three and no more. The rebels came Franklin Institute, Dept. A 54, Rochester, N. Y. in on the Murfreesboro pike and went

back the same way. Gen. Rosecrans may have fortified Murfreesboro too much, and may not have moved as quickly as some of us thought he ought to have done, but he certainly drove the enemy back thru a country of natural fortifications in great shape. History tells us all good Generals took plenty of time to mature their plans and get ready to move. Gen. Thomas at Nashville (I was there, too) allowed no amount of urging to force him to move out until the weather was right and his plans were thoroly matured, and what was the result? Hood lost about half of his army. Out of 200 pieces of artillery he left almost all of them behind. Gen. Joe Johnston,

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tillery accompanying us. We retreated shotguns, and the dust raised in the toward Williamsburg, and when the road showed how the shots fell short. We had Colt's rifles, and stopped to pieces of artillery placed in ambush, and upon their coming in shooting discrease it, and, seeing they could get

Letter From Senator Gordon.

Comrade J. N. Shafter, Customs
Agent, Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, Coahuila, they made for that, and as they went

porch I heard crying an old gray-head- over the fence lesaw one fall. We went the ford. The rebels opened on us and wailing. She said: "Go way quick! to a negro fixing a fence. He said: with one of their batteries, and the My missus done sent for some men to "De man who lives huh has a mill on

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